

Appl. No. 10/719,600  
Atty. Docket No. 9440Q  
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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a longitudinal axis, and an outer surface;  
said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material;  
wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of recessed portions, each of said recessed portions comprising a length dimension, a first side wall, and a second side wall, said first and second side walls intersecting one another to form a vertex, said first and second side walls comprising an angle ( $\alpha$ ) therebetween, said angle alpha ( $\alpha$ ) varies as measured along at least a portion of said length dimension.
2. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said vertex is parallel with said longitudinal axis.
3. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said plurality of vertexes are spirally shaped.
4. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said distal vertexes are evenly spaced.
5. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross section of the tampon.
6. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.

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7. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.
8. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.
9. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.